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REMARKS

Currently, claims 1-47 are pending in the application.

The Examiner has restricted the claims as originally filed to the following six species:

Species I: Figure 1A-1H (described as covered stent with means for anchoring).

Species II: Figure 2 (described as adhesive strips for affixing the stent to the covering).

Species III: Figure 3 (described as a covered stent having macroscopic transluminal drainage openings).

Species IV: Figure 4 (described as a covered stent having raised apices inwardly).

Species V: Figure 5 (described as a covered stent having covering affixed to both sides of the stent).

Species VI: Figure 6 (described as an apparatus for use in manufacturing the covered stent).

The Examiner concludes that there is currently no generic claim.

Applicants elect the claims directed to Species I for prosecution at this time. Claims directed to Species I, a covered stent with means for anchoring, are claims 1-45. Claims 46 and 47 are withdrawn from consideration at this time.

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